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In re Application of: James Robert Adair, Jr. et al. Art Unit: 3721 Serial No. 09/954,443 Examiner: Thanh K. Truong Filed: September 17, 2001 Heat Seal Die and System and Method ) For: For Portion Control Sized Packaging

## PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

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